UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN (GRAND RAPIDS)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Brandon Angelo Smith, Sr.,	Bankruptcy Case No. 14-07097-jtg Honorable John T. Gregg Chapter 7
Debtor.	

CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO DEBTOR'S MOTION TO DISMISS CHAPTER 7 PROCEEDING

Kelly M. Hagan, Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee"), by and through her attorneys, Beadle Smith, PLC, states for her Objection to Debtor's Motion to Dismiss Chapter 7 Proceeding ("Motion") as follows:

- 1. On November 7, 2014, Debtor Brandon Angelo Smith, Sr. ("Debtor") filed for relief under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Title 11, as amended ("Petition Date").
- 2. Kelly M. Hagan is the duly qualified Chapter 7 Trustee in the above captioned bankruptcy proceeding.
- 3. Although not disclosed in his Bankruptcy Schedules filed with the Court, the Debtor is a Plaintiff in a personal injury lawsuit against several defendants ("Lawsuit 1") and a lawsuit against various insurance companies ("Lawsuit 2"), for claims arising from an automobile accident which occurred prior to the bankruptcy filing.
- 4. Debtor advised the Trustee that Lawsuit 1 had a case evaluation of \$90,000 and Lawsuit 2 had a case evaluation of \$27,500.00.
- 5. Debtor has not claimed an exemption in Lawsuit 1 or Lawsuit 2 but the Trustee does believe that he is entitled to claim an exemption in a portion of the claims.
- 6. Trustee believes there will be a significant dividend to unsecured creditors through the administration of this proceeding.
- 7. Trustee asserts that dismissal of this proceeding is not in the best interests of creditors.

Wherefore, Trustee requests that this honorable Court deny Debtor's request to dismiss his Chapter 7 proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/19/15

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on <u>February 19, 2015</u>, I served a copy of Trustee's Objection to Debtor's Motion to Dismiss Chapter 7 Proceeding by ECF to:

Office of the U.S. Trustee

Kelly M. Hagan Chapter 7 Trustee

and further certify that I served a copy of the Trustee's Objection to Debtor's Motion to Dismiss Chapter 7 Proceeding and this Certificate of Service by U.S. First Class Mail to:

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